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LETTER DATED 15 MARCH 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BULGARIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement, dated 14 March 1994 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria.

I would kindly ask you to bring this letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council in connection with the consideration of the report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 900 (1994).

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Slavi PASHOVSKI
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement dated 14 March 1994 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria

From the beginning of the crisis in the former Yugoslavia, Bulgaria consistently supports all initiatives of the United Nations, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the European Union and other international institutions leading to the speedy achievement of a lasting and equitable solution.

The resolution of the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina is of key importance to overcoming the overall crisis on the territory of the former Yugoslavia. Favourable prospects for restoring peace through a federate and confederate constitution are taking shape. The more active role of European and international institutions, the United States and the Russian Federation is an indication of the common concern of the international community about putting an end to the bloodshed in a European country at the end of the twentieth century.

In this connection, it is pertinent to point out once again the importance and the role of the peace-keeping forces under the auspices of the United Nations. Along with this, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria once again calls attention to the appeal of Bulgaria to the Balkan States not to participate with armed forces in resolving the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia. When making a decision on this issue both the need for a quantitative increase of the United Nations Protection Force contingent at the present moment and the perspective future stability in the region should be taken into consideration.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria states once again that Bulgaria will not participate, either directly or indirectly, in the military operations on the territory of the former Yugoslavia.